

Goose Creek
Gazette
Goose
Creek, SC
Circ. 13500
From Page:
7c
6/14/2007
64132



Rev. Giffen receives award

135

The Lowcountry Senior Network recently presented the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award to Rev. Richard Giffen. The Award is presented annually to honor a local person whose dedication and devotion to improving the lives of seniors is without parallel.

Giffen earned his Doctorate of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1985.

During his ministry, he has developed and implemented a program to provide low-income housing; began the Meals on Wheels program in many of his churches; created a program called Face to Face, which matches churches to pastors, and lead a Group Study Exchange to Japan for the Rotary Club of Canton, Ohio. Rev. Giffen has also served as Senior Pastor of four Presbyterian congregations in Pennsylvania and Ohio and as Executive Presbyter in New Jersey where he was responsible for 52 churches.

Through his work with the GoFor Project, Rev. Giffen saw first-hand the tremendous need for our seniors to have safe and

reliable transportation. This community need became not only his focus but also his mission.

His dedication and determination have been the catalyst for pulling together people and resources to solve this gap in services by establishing the new Independent Transportation Network, ITNCharlestonTrident.

Giffen has been instrumental in every facet of ITN, including fundraising, volunteer driving, chairing the board of directors, and currently serving as executive director.

In 1995, Giffen retired and moved to Mount Pleasant where he currently resides with his wife of 55 years, Virginia Donaldson

Giffen.

During the last twelve years of retirement, he has been the driving force behind many community programs including the South Carolina Silver Haired Legislature, the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Pacesetters senior group, and the Shepherd's Center of East Cooper.



Photo provided

Elizabeth Willis, director of senior services for Roper St. Francis Healthcare and president of Lowcountry Senior Network, presents the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award to the Rev. Richard Giffen.